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1. [] the ship arrived in Wismar, on the Gulf of Luback in the Soviet Zone of Germany. A full cargo of cement (2600 GT) was loaded in Wismar. This cement cargo is reported to have been part of a total shipment of 24,000 GT being sent to Iceland as a part of a barter deal between Iceland and Russia; Iceland was to supply fish in exchange for the cement.
2. While the ship was in Wismar the crew had liberty ashore, although they were required to be back on board at 2200 each night. They were not followed in any obvious manner while they were on shore.
3. Loading the cement cargo was a 48-hour continuous operation. All during this time two Soviet soldiers, fully armed, were stationed on the deck, fore and aft. Loading was conducted by all-male crews.
4. There appeared to be no shipbuilding activities in Wismar, nor was there any evidence of submarine pens. There also was no indication of industrial factory operation. One small Russian patrol craft was in the harbor, which was anchored near the ship. One other vessel (Swedish) in port was loading a cargo of salt. The salt was reported to have come from Poland and the cement from Czechoslovakia; both apparently had come in rail cars.

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